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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SHUM IN
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: WELLS/PETREE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. IN AUGUST 12 CONVERSATION WITH MEA OFFICIALS AMBASSADOR WELLS OUTLINED THE US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. N.P. JAIN JOINT SECRETARY OF THE MEA UN AND CONFERENCE DIVISION, COMMENTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AHD BECOME SUCH A HIGHLY CONFRONTATIONAL EAST-WEST ISSUE THAT COMMITTEE III WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT; HE PREDICTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD POSTPONE ITS CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAW LITTLE CHANCE OF STRENGTHENING INTERANTIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT MACHINERY AND STATED FLATLY THAT THE G-77 WOULD NOT SUPPORT CREATION OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT EVEN COUNTRIES IN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THEIR DOMESTIC HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS WOULD OBJECT TO "OUTSIDE SUPERVISION."

2. ON MORE POSITIVE NOTE, JAIN AND LATER MEA SECRETARY M. A. VELLODI, THE MINISTRY'S NUMBER 2 CIVIL SERVANT, CONFIDENTIAL

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INDICATED THAT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS BASED ON LANGUAGE OF EARLIER SWEDISH PROPOSAL AND MAKING "APRROPRIATE REFERENCES" TO HUMAN RIGHTS OFPEOPLE SUFFERING UNDER COLONIALISM AND RACISM, MIGHT BE SUCCESSFULLY PROMOTED AT THE UNGA. GOI WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP PROMOTE SUCH A RESOLUTION. WELLS INFORMED JAIN CONCERNING POSSIBLE INITIATIVE ON

TORTURE AND JAIN INDICATED GOI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
CONSULTING FURTHER ON THIS INITIATIVE.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON COMMISSIONER
AND DOWNBEAT PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMNET OF ENFORCEMENT
MACHINERY, WELLS STRESSED TO JAIN, VELLODI AND FOREIGN
SECRETARY MEHTA USG SENSEOF EXPECTATION OF NOT ONLY
SUPPORT BUT CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP IN FIELD OF HUMAN
RIGHTS FROM NEW GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. IN VIEW OF
IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN RECENT ELECTION AND
CURRENT GOI COMMITMENT TO IT, WELLS NOTED USG IN
ANTICIPATING CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN
WORKING ON THIS ISSUE INTERNATIONALLY.
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